

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims in the present application will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A server connectable to a terminal apparatus and to a first printer via a network, the terminal apparatus being connected to a second printer, the server being not connected to the second printer, the server comprising:

a first memory configured to store original data without a water-mark;

a second memory configured to store a water-mark associated with a user ID of a user of the terminal apparatus, the second memory storing a plurality of the watermarks, at least one of the plurality of the watermarks being associated with each of a plurality of user IDs;

a third memory configured to store an access right associated with ~~the user ID~~ each of the plurality of the user IDs; and

a controller configured, when ~~the user~~ one of a plurality of users requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the user ID of the one of the plurality of the users, to transform the original data into image data, to select the water-mark associated with the user ID of the one of the plurality of the users, to add the selected water-mark to the image data, and to transmit the image data with the selected water-mark to the terminal apparatus,

wherein the controller is configured to control the first printer connected to the server to print the original data without the water-mark when the user requests the server to print the

transmitted image data and when the access right indicates that the user is permitted to print the original data, and

wherein the terminal apparatus is configured to control the second printer connected to the terminal apparatus to print the transmitted image data with the selected water-mark when the access right does not indicate that the user is permitted to print the original data.

20. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 19, further comprising:

a printing history memory that stores a printing history of printing the original data without the water-mark, wherein the controller stores a printing history in the printing history memory when the original data without the water-mark is printed.

21. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 19, further comprising:

a cache memory that stores the image data with the water-mark,

wherein the controller stores the image data with the water-mark in the cache memory when the controller adds the water-mark to the image data, and the controller forwards the image data with the water-mark from the cache memory to the terminal apparatus when the original data is requested in association with the same user ID.

22. (Currently Amended) A server connected with a terminal apparatus via a network, the server comprising:

a first memory configured to store original data without a water-mark;

a second memory configured to store a first water-mark associated with a document ID of the original data and with a first user ID indicating a predetermined user, and a second water-mark associated with the same document ID as the first water-mark and with a second user ID indicating a plurality of users including the predetermined user; and

a controller configured, when the user requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the document ID and the first user ID, to determine whether the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to the document ID and the first user ID, to transform the original data into image data, to select the first water-mark as a priority with respect to the second water-mark when the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to the document ID and the first user ID, to add the selected first water-mark to the image data, and to transmit the image data with the selected first water-mark to the terminal apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) A server connected with a terminal apparatus via a network, the server comprising:

a first memory configured to store original data without a water-mark;

a second memory configured to store a water-mark associated with a user ID of a user of the terminal apparatus and with a folder ID of a folder which includes the original data associated with a document ID, the second memory storing a plurality of the watermarks, at least one of the plurality of the watermarks being associated with each of a plurality of user IDs; and

a controller configured, when ~~the user~~ the one of the plurality of the users requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the user ID of the one of the plurality of the users and the document ID, to transform the original data into image data, to select the water-mark associated with the user ID and the folder ID, the folder ID indicating a folder which includes the original data associated with the input document ID, to add the selected water-mark to the image data and to transmit the image data with the selected water-mark to the terminal apparatus.

24. (Currently Amended) A server connected with a terminal apparatus via a network, the server comprising:

a first memory configured to store original data without a water-mark;

a second memory configured to store a first water-mark associated with a folder ID of a folder which includes the original data associated with a document ID and with a first user ID indicating a predetermined user, and to store a second water-mark associated with the same folder ID as the first water-mark and with a second user ID indicating a plurality of users including the predetermined user; and

a controller configured, when the user requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the document ID and the first user ID, to determine whether the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to the document ID and the first user ID, to transform the original data into image data, to obtain the folder ID of the folder which includes the original data associated with the document ID when the first water-mark is not stored in the second memory with respect to the document ID and the first user ID, to select the first water-mark as a priority with respect to the second water-mark when the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to the folder ID and the first user ID, to add the selected first water-mark to the image data, and to transmit the image data with the selected first water-mark to the terminal apparatus.

25-26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) An image management method for controlling a server connectable to a terminal apparatus and to a first printer via a network, the terminal apparatus being connected to a second printer, the server being not connected to the second printer, the

server including a first memory that stores original data without a water-mark, a second memory that stores a water-mark associated with a user ID of a user of the terminal apparatus, the second memory storing a plurality of the watermarks, at least one of the plurality of the watermarks being associated with each of a plurality of user IDs, and a third memory that stores an access right associated with ~~the user ID~~ each of the plurality of the user IDs, the image management method comprising:

transforming the original data into image data, when ~~the user~~ the one of the plurality of the users requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the user ID of the one of the plurality of the users;

selecting the water-mark associated with the user ID of the one of the plurality of the users

adding the selected water-mark to the image data;

transmitting the image data with the selected water-mark to the terminal apparatus; and

controlling the first printer to print the original data without the water-mark when the user requests the server to print the transmitted image data and when the access right indicates that the user is permitted to print the original data,

wherein the terminal apparatus is configured to control the second printer connected to the terminal apparatus to print the transmitted image data with the selected water-mark when the access right does not indicate that the user is permitted to print the original data.

28. (Currently Amended) An image management method for controlling a server connectable to a terminal apparatus via a network, the server including a first memory that stores original data without a water-mark, a second memory that stores a first water-mark associated with a document ID of the original data and with a first user ID indicating a predetermined user,

and a second water-mark associated with the same document ID as the first water-mark and with a second user ID indicating a plurality of users including the predetermined user, the image management method comprising:

determining whether the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to document ID and the first user ID, when the user requests the server to display the original data on a display of the terminal apparatus by inputting the document ID and the first user ID, the first user ID indicating the predetermined user, the predetermined user being included in the plurality of the users indicated by the second user ID;

transforming the original data into image data;

selecting the first water-mark as a priority with respect to the second water-mark when the first water-mark and the second water-mark are stored in the second memory with respect to the document ID and the first user ID;

adding the selected first water-mark to the image data; and

transmitting the image data with the selected first water-mark to the terminal apparatus.